

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for sending a print job to a preselected recipient comprising:
5 encoding a data stream received in a first peripheral device; and
transmitting said encoded data stream from said first peripheral device to a second
peripheral device.
2. The method of Claim 1, wherein said data stream comprises text
10 and graphics.
3. The method of Claim 1, wherein said first peripheral device comprises
a printer.
- 15 4. The method of Claim 1, wherein said second peripheral device comprises
a printer.
5. The method of Claim 1, wherein said encoding a data stream comprises
encrypting said data stream using the pretty good privacy (PGP) technique.
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6. The method of Claim 1, wherein said transmitting comprises placing said
encoded data stream into a sender module, wherein said sender module converts said
encoded data stream into a PDF or TIFF file and transmits said PDF or TIFF file to said
preselected recipient.
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7. A method for transporting print jobs comprising:
initiating a print job on a host computer;
encrypting said print job; and
transmitting said encrypted print job from a first peripheral device to a second
30 peripheral device.

8. The method of Claim 7, wherein said transmitting said encrypted print job comprises:

placing said encrypted print job into a sender module; and
receiving an address for a recipient selected to receive said encrypted print job.

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9. The method of Claim 8, wherein said sender module is configured for converting said encrypted print job into a format useable by said sender module and attaching said encrypted print job to an electronic message for delivery to said recipient.

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10. The method of Claim 7, wherein said first peripheral device and said second peripheral device are printers.

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11. A method for providing a secure print job comprising:
initiating a print job on a host computer;
transmitting said print job to a first peripheral device; and thereafter
encrypting said print job.

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12. The method of Claim 11, further comprising transmitting said encrypted print job from said first peripheral device to a second peripheral device.

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13. The method of Claim 11, wherein said first peripheral device comprises a manual input device for receiving instructions related to operation of said first peripheral device, said method further comprising receiving an instruction to encrypt said print job, said instruction being input at said manual input device.

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14. A printing system comprising:
a processor for receiving a data stream through a network;
an encryption module for converting said data stream from plain text to cipher text; and
a sender module for transmitting said cipher text through said network to a preselected recipient.

15. The system of Claim 14, wherein said data stream comprises text and graphics.

16. The system of Claim 14, wherein said processor, encryption module, and said sender module are incorporated into single peripheral device.

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18. The system of Claim 14, wherein said encrypting device comprises the pretty good privacy (PGP) encrypting technique.

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19. The system of Claim 14, wherein said sender module converts said cipher text into a PDF or TIFF file and transmits said PDF or TIFF file to said preselected recipient.

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20. The system of Claim 14, wherein said sender module is configured to convert said encrypted print job into a format useable by said sender module and attaching said encrypted print job to an electronic message for delivery to said preselected recipient.